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New York City, the country's largest market for fresh fish, set a new record for itself in 1945 when 278 million pounds of marine fishery products were received by the salt-water market of this city, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service reported today.

The 1945 receipts represented an increase of 30 per cent over those in 1944, and were the largest recorded since the Fish and Wildlife Service established a Market News Office in New York in 1939 to collect and distribute daily market information. New York receipts in 1939 were 228 million pounds, and have increased in each successive year. Shipments by rail, truck, express, and boat are included in the figures. In addition to marine species, about 25 million pounds of fresh-water fish are received annually.

While total receipts have registered a steady upward trend, the quantity of fish actually landed at New York by boat has been declining since 1939, reaching a low of 16 million pounds in 1945. In 1939, 41 million pounds of fish were landed by vessels docking at New York.

New York markets handle about 125 different species of fish and shellfish, including almost every kind of aquatic food taken on the Atlantic Coast, as well as fish from the interior of the country, the Pacific Coast States, Alaska, and Canada.

Marine oddities seldom seen elsewhere are to be found in New York, among them squids, octopuses, skate wings, angler fish, periwinkles, and sea urchins.

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